

ASEC Activities, October 9 – November 4, 2018

Announcements:

- The call for nominations for the UW-Madison Academic Staff Excellence Awards went out last week. Deadline for submissions is January 11, 2019. Contact the Secretary of the Academic Staff Office with any questions about the awards.
- The UW Benefits Preferences Survey will be going out to all employees in an email from Mercer on November 26. Employees will have three weeks to complete the survey. If you do not receive the survey, check with your local HR representative.

Report:

- ASEC met twice with Casey Nagy, Interim Vice Provost for Extension and Public Media, on issues related to the ongoing reorganization of UW-Extension
- Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff Michael Bernard-Donals shared some of his office's ongoing projects, including an expansion of the Target of Opportunity Program for recruiting faculty from under-represented populations. He asked ASEC to think about what a similar program for academic staff would look like.
- Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning Steve Cramer discussed his ongoing work with the Student Digital Ecosystem. He also talked about Handshake—a campus-wide advising tool—and learning analytics more broadly.
- Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Laurent Heller talked with ASEC about the Enterprise Resource Planning project regarding HR and finance areas. The project is still in the exploratory phase.
- Provost Sarah Mangelsdorf provided ASEC with an update on the recent report by the Task Force on Computing at UW-Madison as well as the effort to create a Data Science Institute on campus. She also discussed the latest U.S. News and World Report rankings.
- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lori Reesor informed ASEC that the search process for the Director of University Health Services has resumed and that she is preparing for the Dean of Students search as well. She is also implementing an organizational design exercise over the next month.
- Mark Walters and Diane Blaskowski from the Office of Human Resources met with ASEC to discuss current issues related to the Title and Total Compensation Project. The Benefits Preference Survey will go out to all employees on November 26. Those who have been recruited to review standard job descriptions are in the process of getting training to review them. ASEC also discussed how to get feedback on the process from the reviewers that ASEC appointed.
- ASEC reviewed differences in leave allocations for academic staff and university staff.
- ASEC discussed the eligibility of incoming UW-Extension employees to be on standing committee slates or appointed to campus-wide committees in advance of their start date on July 1, 2019, which coincides with the start of new terms for those committees. This is being discussed further by the Nominating Committee, and current plans call for the Assembly to consider this in December.

Nominations and Appointments

- Nominations
 - Dean of Students Search and Screen Committee – Arturo Diaz, Rachel Jeris, Carrie Kruse, Ashley Lax
- Appointments
 - Immigration and International Issues Committee – Kristin Dalby and Weijia Li
 - “Return to Work” Work Group – Peggy Hacker